

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument



Exploration Booklet



Preserving for Future
Generations of Kids Just Like
You!

Your Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Your Adult Team Leader: _____

House Rules



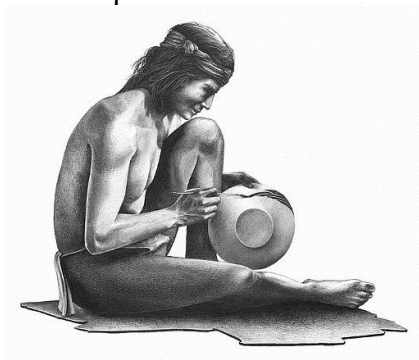
We want your time here to be a fun experience. So with a few simple rules we can help you enjoy your visit.

1. **Respect all things while visiting.** This includes people, plants, animals, and the ruins. Please don't feed the ground squirrels or pick up anything on the ground.
2. **Keep your feet off the furniture.** Archeological sites are very fragile. Please don't climb on the ruins.
3. **Don't eat in the living room.** Please have lunch or snacks only in the picnic area.
4. **Don't write on the walls.** Please don't add graffiti to the ruins. What would your parents say if you were caught writing on the walls at school or at home?
5. **Don't go where you're not invited.** Please don't go into the closed areas without a ranger. These areas are closed because they are so fragile.
6. **Don't rearrange the furniture or mess with the knick-knacks.** If you find an artifact, please leave it where it is and tell a ranger.
7. **Tell an adult if you see anything wrong.** We need your help protecting this place.

Vocabulary



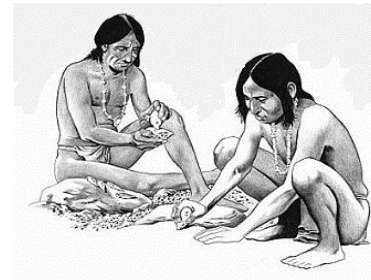
- **Import:** Good brought into a community to use.
- **Export:** Sending goods outside of the community to sell.
- **Assassin:** a murderer of an important person in a surprise attack .
- **Ancestor:** A person from one whom is a descended of. Usually further back than your grandparents.
- **Artifact:** an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.
- **Sacred:** Connected to God (or the gods) and worthy of religious worship.



Who were these Ancestral Sonoran Desert People?



Name four of the Southwest people who once lived in this sacred place:



Before Walled Compounds



What were the main tools used to carry or store food and water?

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Desert Farming, Then and Now



About what
year do you
calculate the
canals were
built?

Daily Life Within the Walls



Sort the tools children used in their daily lives.

BOYS

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GIRLS

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Engineered to Last



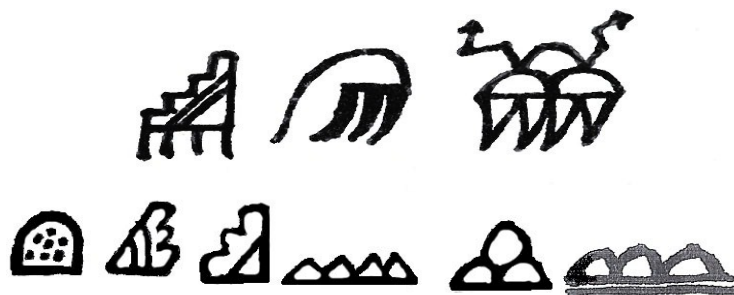
Generate a list of tools you could use to construct a home around 1325.



Why Build the Casa Grande?



What told the Ancient Sonoran People when they should plant their crops?



Harvesting a Bountiful Desert



What is the current temperature? Don't forget to label! _____

Select the plants that would thrive under these conditions.



Irrigation Communities



What homes were used by the ancestral Sonoran Desert people?

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Why did they choose these homes?

Desert Farmers — and Artisans



Classify the artifacts as an import or an export.

IMPORT

EXPORT



Disrespectful, Then Protected



Rub the petroglyphs and old signatures in the wayside sign.

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Do you think petroglyphs are an ancient form of graffiti? Why or why not?

A Legendary Sacred Place



What are some important symbols in your life? Why?



What is the O'odham word for these animals?

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What Comes Next?



We will gather and discuss your answers now that you have answered the book's questions to this point. Please review the and make certain pages 1 to 25, plus page 32, are complete and accurate.



Any borrowed writing materials or other government property needs to be returned before leaving the park visitor center. Thank you.

Earthen Platform Mounds



The following exhibits are located in the picnic area and do not require rubbings.

Look for the 7 ft tall mark. How does your height compare to the height of the Casa Grande's wall height?

To Dig — Or Not to Dig



The following exhibits are located in the picnic area and do not require rubbings.

Explore the caliche pit! Does it feel like anything familiar to you?

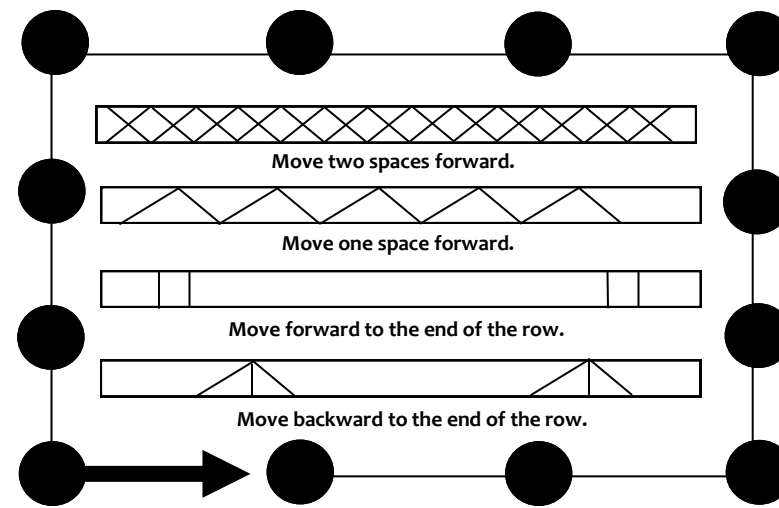


Ball Games, Platform Mounds, and Great Houses



Work, work, work. It may seem that life in the desert was all work and no play but that's not true. **Ginz** is a game played by O'odham children. Kids like you have played this game for hundreds of years.

1. Copy the stick designs below onto the front and back of four popsicle sticks. Use different designs on the front and back of each stick.
2. Trace the playing board (the rectangle with the dots) onto another piece of paper, into the sand, or in chalk on a sidewalk. Use stones for markers.
3. Take turns throwing the sticks up into the air and when they fall move your piece the number of spaces the sticks tell you to.
4. First one around three times wins!



First Impressions



You're looking at the Casa Grande Ruins.

What questions do you have about it?

Write down three questions you'd like to
find answers to today.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

